

No repeat this time, Wycombe

IT was about this time last year that Wycombe Wanderers visited Bracknell Town in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup and were given the fright of their lives by the Spartan League "minnows". The Blues were trailing 1-2 before Tony Amos scored the vital equaliser two minutes from the close of extra time.

On Sunday, the teams meet again at Larges Lane and although Bracknell will be hoping for a repeat of that result, their chances must be slimmer this time around. Both sides have had big changes in personnel since then. Bracknell have only five players left that played that day and Wycombe six — although only five are likely to play.

Perhaps the most significant departure from the Spartans is that of Iain McPhee, the

former Slough centre half and Bracknell's tower of strength last season. His partner in defence, John Donnachie, has also left.

Wanderers have undoubtedly a far better all round side than last year, whereas Bracknell have failed to find any consistent form in the league so far. They are in mid-table at present.

MANAGER QUILTS

And Bracknell will be without a full time manager for Sunday's match. Dan Daly, the man who almost guided the Spartan League side last season resigned from the club last week. Reserve team boss Frank Butterworth has been appointed as caretaker manager.

The five remaining Bracknell players from last year are goalkeeper John Alder, defenders Bobby Elderfield, and Alan Jeffries, mid-field man Jimmy Woodcock and striker Gordon Wilkinson.

Wilkinson was recently forced, on medical advice, to give the game up and has been out of action for the last couple of weeks. But the Newtowners hope to persuade him to play in this match, although no decision has been reached by the player as yet.

Bracknell have not been having a good season by their standards. Last term they won the Spartan League Cup and also the J. J. Duke Cup — a trophy played for by the League and Cup champions. This season they have shown none of their form of old.

Wanderers are expected to make one change from the side that has scored no less than 16 goals in their last three outings. Tony Price, the diminutive forward who played impressively in a couple of matches before leaving to join Leicester City on amateur forms, should make a return to the attack, in place of Dylan Evans. Tony Horseman will probably switch to centre forward.

Price's most memorable feat

this term was the last minute goal that gave the Blues a 2-2 draw in their league match against Tooting at Loakes Park. He played last week for Leicester reserves in their 1-0 defeat of Arsenal reserves and has won a place in the England Youth team to meet Scotland Youth this month.

Whether Keith Mead comes into the side remains to be seen but it must be an increasingly difficult problem for manager Brian Lee to keep the England international on the sidelines.